GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3439
ANSWERED ON:24.03.2005
COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS ON DALIT AFFAIRS
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Satpathy Shri Tathagata

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has constituted a Committee of Ministers on Dalit Affairs;

(b) If so, the details of aims and objectives and composition thereof;

(c) Whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The steps taken by the Government to encourage all State Governments to implement existing schemes and fulfill promises made with respect to the welfare and empowerment of Dalits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a)Yes, Sir. The Committee was constituted on 24th February, 2005

(b)A statement showing objectives and composition of Committee of Ministers on Dalit Affairs is annexed.

(c)No, Sir.

(d)& (e) Do not arise.

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the answer to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3439 for 24.3.2005 by S/Shri Anandrao V. Adsul and Tathagata Satpathy regarding Committee of Ministers on Dalit Affairs:

1.Objectives of the Committee:

The Committee will over-see in a consolidated manner the effective pooling together and implementation of different programmes/schemes under various Ministries/Departments that relate to the welfare and development of Dalits. It will identify the gaps in the existing schemes and help develop new programmes for eliminating the gaps.

2. Composition of the Committee:

1. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Defence;

2.Shri Arjun Singh, Minister of Human Resource Development;

3.Shri Sharad Pawar, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;

4.Shri Shivraj V.Patil, Minister of Home Affairs;

5.Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Minister of Steel;

6.Shri Mahavir Prasad, Minister of Small Scale Industries and Minister of Agro & Rural Industries;

7.Shri H.R.Bhardwaj, Minister of Law & Justice;

8.Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, Minister of Rural Development;

9.Shri Priyaranjan Dasmunshi, Minister of Water Resources; 10.Smt. Meira Kumar, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment; 11.Shri K. Chandra Sekhar Rao, Minister of Labour & Employment; 12.Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission; 13.Shri Suresh Pachouri, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.